

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512

August 23, 2002

Dear Interested Party:

You are invited to participate in staff workshop on fuel-efficient tires that will be conducted at the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) on September 19, 2002. The purpose of this workshop is to gain information on the tire rolling resistance and fuel-efficiency factors.

The Energy Commission has been directed through state legislation, Senate Bill 1170 (Chapter 912, Statutes of 2001), to make recommendations on a California State Fuel Efficient Tire Program. The report is due to the Legislature and Governor by January 31, 2003. Considerations of possible effects on performance, safety, and other tire related areas will be discussed. Information collected at this workshop will provide important material for the report, which may be used in future legislation on tire fuel efficiency. In addition, the bill requires the state to consider fuel efficiency as a priority when it purchases replacement tires.

The workshop agenda will include an introduction by Energy Commission staff, presentations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (invited) and Ecos Consulting, who will present their recent findings on this project. Your participation is critical for us in obtaining key information from the tire industry. Any tire manufacturer or stakeholder interested in presenting their views and their latest work on tire rolling resistance is welcome to contribute. Each speaker will be limited to a 15 minute presentation (PowerPoint™ preferred) during the morning session. The afternoon session will be reserved for questions and open discussions on low rolling resistance/fuel efficient tires. Please see the attached agenda for the workshop.

We would strongly encourage your attendance at this workshop. Also, we recognize that not all will be able to attend and conference call capabilities will be provided. Details on the conference call information will be sent by e-mail or phone a few days prior to the workshop.

Invitation to Fuel Efficient Tires

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Please confirm your participation in the workshop by indicating that you will attend in person or will participate via conferencing by calling Bernard G. Treanton at (916) 654-4512, or via e-mail at (btreanto@energy.state.ca.us).

Sincerely,

NANCY J. DELLER
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Enclosure

Dear Interested Party:

This is a follow up on our letter of August 23, 2002 about the California Energy Commission's upcoming workshop on fuel-efficient tires. I would like to provide you with important additional information on the workshop, which is being held in Sacramento on September 19, 2002.

This workshop will be an excellent opportunity for you to comment on and influence the manner in which California implements its Fuel Efficient Tire Program, as required by SB 1170. Because we anticipate further regulations in the future on efficient tires, your participation is an important way your organization can potentially shape proposed California regulation or programs.

For those able to give a presentation at the meeting, we recommend that topics be limited to the following:

- ❑ Discuss the rolling resistance differences between the OEM and replacement tires your company manufactures and the reasons for those differences
- ❑ Comment on how best to measure rolling resistance, impacts of different road conditions and tire sizes, types, etc. Also express opinions and provide data regarding the advantages and disadvantages of employing SAE J2452 vs. J1269..
- ❑ Comment on ways to correlate rolling resistance differences to on-road fuel economy impacts for light duty vehicles.
- ❑ Discuss observed relationships between rolling resistance, traction, wear, safety, pressure, temperature, and product cost.

As we stated in the invitation letter you received, conference call capabilities will be provided. Please confirm to Bernard G. Treanton by phone (916-654-4512), or via email (btreanto@energy.state.ca.us) regarding your participation in the workshop by **September 13, 2002**. Indicate if you will attend in person or will participate via conferencing. Details on the conference call information will be sent by e-mail or phone a prior to the workshop. For any questions you may have, please call Mr. Treanton.

Sincerely,

Susan Brown
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Transportation Technology Office

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**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FUEL EFFICIENT TIRES
WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Hearing Room A
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**September 19, 2002
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

9:00 a.m.	Susan Brown Opening remarks	Office Manager Transportation Technology Office, California Energy Commission
9:15 a.m.	Lois Platte	Tires Project Director U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
9:30 a.m.	Chris Calwell	Ecos Consulting
10:30 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
10:45 a.m.	Dr. Alex Friedrich	Germany Environmental Protection Agency
11.15 am	Stakeholders Comments (15 minutes per speaker)	(Auto Companies, Tire manufacturers, Environmental Representations)
12:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 p.m.	Stakeholders Comments (continuation)	
2.00pm	Open discussion	
3:45 p.m.	Conclusion and Closing remarks	Ken Koyama, Program Manager, CA Energy Commission